

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY
(Wednesday, April 4, 1979)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Andujar, Blake, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Harris, Howard, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Price, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Short, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Vale, Williams.

Absent-excused: Moore.

A quorum was announced present.

Chaplain Gerald Mann, University Baptist Church, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

Lord, help us not to talk today unless we can improve the silence. Amen.

On motion of Senator Schwartz and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator Moore was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator McKnight.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Brooks submitted the following report for the Committee on Human Resources:

H.B. 468
C.S.S.B. 767 (Read first time)

Senator Mauzy submitted the following report for the Committee on Education:

S.B. 1099

Senator Jones of Harris submitted the following report for the Committee on Administration:

S.C.R. 58 (Amended)

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

On motion of Senator Howard and by unanimous consent, the following bills and resolution were introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee indicated:

S.B. 1220 by Howard Intergovernmental Relations
Relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of the Bois D'Arc Municipal Utility District of Fannin County, Texas.

S.B. 1221 by Andujar Finance
Relating to the taxation of commercial uses of gas and electricity.

S.B. 1222 by Short Human Resources
Relating to the creation of a dental advisory committee to make recommendations to the Texas Board of Health, the legislature, and other governmental and quasi-governmental agencies.

S.B. 1223 by Mengden Jurisprudence
Relating to the protection of convenience store workers; providing penalties.

S.B. 1224 by Snelson Education
Relating to a program of early childhood intervention services to be administered by the Central Education Agency.

S.B. 1225 by Snelson Intergovernmental Relations
AN ACT relating to the Reagan County Water Supply District; amending Section 2, 5, 6, 6a, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Chapter 505, Acts of the 54th Legislature 1955 as amended Article 8280-181; declaring the district a governmental agency, body politic and corporate, finding benefit to all property within the district; established for the purpose of providing a source of water supply for municipal, domestic, agricultural, commercial, and industrial use, and diverting, impounding, storing, treating, and transporting the same, and acquiring, constructing, and operating water facilities; providing for the exercise of powers granted by Chapter 25 of the Water Code to districts created under Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution; providing means of annexing additional territory to said district; and levying maintenance tax; authorizing the district to obtain permits from the Texas Water Rights Commission and from owners of permits; requiring supervision of the Texas Water Rights Commission; authorizing the district to acquire any interest in land for its purpose by condemnation; providing that any construction contract in excess of \$5,000 should be made only after publication of notice; authorizing the district to issue bonds and providing for the payment and security thereof; providing that said bonds shall be payable either from ad valorem taxes or revenues, or a combination of ad valorem taxes and revenues; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; authorizing the execution of trust indentures or deeds of trust to secure bonds payable from revenues or partly from revenues; providing for elections approving the issuance of bonds payable wholly or partially from ad valorem taxes; authorizing the district to enter into contracts with public agencies, political subdivisions, and others, including for any purpose relating to the district's powers and functions, including supplying water to them, and for operations of the district's water facilities; authorizing all public agencies and political subdivisions, to contract with and convey land or any interest therein to the district; providing for the approval of bonds issued by the district by the attorney general and registration of bonds by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, supervision by the Texas Water Rights Commission; prescribing other powers and duties of the District; providing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency.

S.C.R. 67 by Moore

State Affairs

Memorializing Congress to retain the current law requiring fiber content labels on textiles and apparel products.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following bills received from the House were read the first time and referred to the Committee indicated:

H.B. 304, To Committee on State Affairs.
H.B. 283, To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.
H.B. 291, To Committee on Human Resources.
H.B. 540, To Committee on Jurisprudence.
H.B. 638, To Committee on Economic Development.
H.B. 844, To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.
H.B. 853, To Committee on Human Resources.
H.B. 862, To Committee on State Affairs.
H.B. 868, To Committee on Human Resources.
H.B. 883, To Committee on Jurisprudence.
H.B. 967, To Committee on Jurisprudence.
H.B. 874, To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.
H.B. 983, To Committee on Jurisprudence.
H.B. 1099, To Committee on Economic Development.
H.B. 1160, To Committee on Jurisprudence.
H.B. 1227, To Committee on Human Resources.
H.B. 1368, To Committee on Natural Resources.
H.B. 1424, To Committee on Natural Resources.

BILLS SIGNED

The President announced the signing in the presence of the Senate, after the caption had been read, the following enrolled bills:

S.B. 661
S.B. 618
S.B. 462
S.B. 417
S.B. 416
S.B. 270
S.B. 227
S.B. 67
S.B. 39

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Message from the Governor was read and was referred to the Committee on State Affairs, Subcommittee on Nominations:

Austin, Texas
April 4, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR
SESSION:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS:

For a six-year term to expire September 1, 1983:

MRS. MARY CLAIR HILL of Kingsville, Kleberg County, is replacing Mayor Coke L. Gage of Decatur, Wise County, whose term expired. (City Official)

JUDGE JON LINDSAY of Spring, Harris County, is replacing the Honorable Raymon Thompson of Graham, Young County, who is no longer eligible. (County Official)

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE METRIC SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL:

For a two-year term to expire August 29, 1979:

MR. WILLIAM FRANKLIN NICHOL of Dallas, Dallas County, is replacing Mr. David M. Weeks of Austin, Travis County, who resigned. Mr. Nichol will be representing the Office of the Governor.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION:

For a six-year term to expire January 31, 1985:

MR. V. W. LEHMANN of Kingsville, Kleberg County, is replacing Mr. L. H. True of Wimberley, Hays County, whose term expired.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/W. P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

SENATE BILL 166 WITH HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Senator Santiesteban called **S.B. 166** from the President's table for consideration of the House amendments to the bill.

The President laid the bill and the House amendments before the Senate.

Committee Amendment No. 1 - Ware

Amend **S.B. 166** on page 11, line 4, by striking the words "January 31, 1979" and inserting in lieu thereof "March 1, 1979".

Committee Amendment No. 2 - Nabers

Amend S.B. No. 166 as follows:

(1) On page 2, lines 14-15, strike Subsection (g) and substitute the following:

"(g) 'Net assets'—means the book value of the current assets of a licensed pawnshop less its applicable liabilities, as stated in this subsection. Current assets include the investment made in cash, bank deposits, merchandise inventory, and loans due from customers excluding the pawn service charge. Current assets do not include the investments made in fixed assets of real estate, furniture, fixtures, or equipment; investments made in stocks, bonds, or other securities; or investments made in prepaid expenses or other general intangibles. Applicable liabilities include trade or other accounts payable; accrued sales, income, or other taxes; accrued expenses; and notes or other payables that are unsecured or

secured in part or whole by current assets. Applicable liabilities do not include liabilities secured by assets other than current assets. Net assets must be represented by a capital investment unencumbered by any liens or other encumbrances to therefore be subject to the claims of general creditors. If the pawnshop is a corporation, the capital investment consists of common or preferred shares and capital or earned surplus as those terms are defined by the Texas Business Corporation Act; if it is any other form of business entity, the capital investment consists of a substantial equivalent of that of a corporation and is determined by generally accepted accounting principles."

(2) On page 5, beginning on line 2, strike the sentence reading:

"A person who in any way directs the management of a pawnshop engages in the business of operating a pawnshop, and that person's name and address must be stated on the application."

(3) On page 5, lines 14-16, strike Subdivision (2) and substitute the following:

"(2) proof of general liability and fire insurance coverage if and as required by the Commissioner; and"

(4) On page 12, lines 1-3, strike Subsection (f) and substitute the following:

"(f) Each licensee shall maintain general liability and fire insurance coverage if and as required by the Commissioner."

(5) On page 13, line 11, insert "or" after the semicolon.

(6) On page 13, lines 15-19, strike:

“, or

(7) A person in any way directs or has directed the management of the pawnshop and at the time of that action the person's name was not listed on the application for the pawnshop license"

Amendment No. 3 - Massey

Amend Committee Amendment No. 2 to S.B. No. 166 by striking "licensed pawnshop" on page 22, line 10, and substituting "person or pawnbroker".

Amendment No. 4 - Massey

Amend S.B. No. 166, first printing, as follows:

(1) On page 5, line 8, strike "\$1,000" and substitute "\$500".

(2) On page 6, line 7, strike "\$1,000" and substitute "\$500".

(3) Strike Section 6 and substitute the following:

SECTION 6. Section 5, Texas Pawnshop Act (Article 5069-51.05, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. Issuance or Denial of License; Fees

"(a) When an application and the required fees are received, the Commissioner shall investigate the facts and shall notify the Department of Public Safety and all local law enforcement agencies in the county in which the business is to be conducted that the application has been filed. In that notice the Commissioner shall state the names and addresses of the persons that are required to be listed on the license application under Section 4(a) of this Act. The Commissioner shall give those law enforcement agencies a reasonable time to respond with information concerning those persons or with any other relevant information.

"(b) The Commissioner shall conduct a public hearing before issuing a pawnshop license and [On filing of such application, bond, proof of insurance and payment of the annual license fee and an investigation fee of Two Hundred Dollars, the Commissioner shall investigate the facts and if he finds the financial

~~responsibility, experience, character and general fitness of the applicant are such as to warrant belief that the business will be operated lawfully and fairly, within the purposes of this Act, he] shall approve an [grant such] application and issue to the applicant a license that [which] will evidence the [his] authority to do business under the provisions of this Act if the Commissioner:~~

~~"(1) finds that the eligibility requirements for the license are satisfied; and~~

~~"(2) finds that the financial responsibility, experience, character, and general fitness of the applicant or of its owners and managers are such as to warrant belief that the business will be operated lawfully and fairly, within the purposes of this Act. [Provided, that if a license is granted pursuant to an application filed after June 30 of any year, the license fee for the balance of such year shall be Fifty Dollars.]~~

~~"(c) [(b)] If the Commissioner does not so find, he shall notify the applicant, who shall, on request within thirty days, be entitled to a hearing on such application within sixty days after the date of said request. The investigation fee shall be retained by the Commissioner, but the annual fee shall be returned to the applicant in the event of denial.~~

~~"(d) [(e)] The Commissioner shall grant or deny each application for a license within sixth days from its filing with the required fees, or, from the hearing thereon, if any, unless the period is extended by written agreement between the applicant and the Commissioner.~~

~~"(e) If a license is granted pursuant to an application filed after June 30 of a year, the annual license fee for the remainder of that year is \$50 and the Commissioner shall return to the applicant the balance of the annual fee filed with the application. If a license is denied, the Commissioner shall retain the investigation fee but shall return the annual license fee to the applicant.~~

~~"(f) Any license issued to a pawnshop prior to October 1, 1979, remains valid as long as the licensee complies with the provisions of this Act.~~

~~"[(d) Provided, that within sixty days after the effective date of this Act, any person licensed to do business under Article 5069-3.01, et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, Chapter 3 of Subtitle 2, Chapter 274, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967, also known as the Texas Credit Code, upon surrender of such license and the payment of a transfer fee not to exceed Five Dollars, shall be issued a license under the provisions of this Act for the same place of business, or, alternatively, any such person may retain the license to do business under Chapter 3 of the Texas Credit Code and shall be issued a license under the provisions of this Act for the same place of business upon payment of a transfer fee not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars and there shall be no annual fee for the license issued under the provisions of this Act so long as the license to do business under Chapter 3 of the Texas Credit Code is retained and annually renewed by the licensee and so long as business is conducted pursuant to both such licenses at one common place of business. In neither case shall the minimum assets requirement apply to the license issued under this Act, so long as such license is held by the original licensee or his heirs.]~~

~~"(g) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, the Commissioner may issue a temporary license authorizing the operation of a pawnshop on the receipt of an application to transfer a license from one person to another or on the receipt of an application for a license involving principals and owners that are substantially identical to those of an existing licensed pawnshop. The temporary license is effective until the permanent license is issued or denied."~~

(4) On page 10, line 17, strike "within the same marketing area".

(5) On page 13, lines 13-14, strike "or is under indictment for".

Amendment No. 5 - Schlueter

Amend S.B. No. 166, 1st Printing, by inserting on page 11, line 3, after "\$25,000":

"as determined by using the definition of net assets that was used to determine the licensee's eligibility for a license when the license was issued,".

The amendments were read.

Senator Santiesteban moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments to **S.B. 166**.

Senator Jones of Taylor made the substitute motion that the Senate not concur in the House amendments and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The motion to not concur was lost by the following vote: Yeas 14, Nays 15.

Yeas: Blake, Clower, Doggett, Farabee, Howard, Jones of Taylor, Mauzy, Parker, Price, Schwartz, Short, Snelson, Traeger, Truan.

Nays: Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Harris, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Longoria, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Ogg, Patman, Santiesteban, Vale, Williams.

Absent: Creighton.

Absent-excused: Moore.

On motion of Senator Santiesteban, the Senate concurred in the House amendments by the following vote: Yeas 16, Nays 13.

Yeas: Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Harris, Howard, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Longoria, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Ogg, Patman, Santiesteban, Vale, Williams.

Nays: Blake, Clower, Doggett, Farabee, Jones of Taylor, Mauzy, Parker, Price, Schwartz, Short, Snelson, Traeger, Truan.

Absent: Creighton.

Absent-excused: Moore.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

As provided by **S.C.R. 23**, the President announced the appointment of the following: Committee to study renovation of Governor's Mansion) Senators Braecklein and Creighton.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

House Chamber
April 4, 1979

HONORABLE W. P. HOBBY
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SIR: I AM DIRECTED BY THE HOUSE TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT
THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

S.B. 356, Relating to eligibility for and the amount of tuition equalization grants.

Respectfully,

BETTY MURRAY, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SENATE BILL 643 ON SECOND READING

Senator Price asked unanimous consent to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration at this time:

S.B. 643, Relating to the taxation of certain motor fuel containing alcohol.

There was objection.

Senator Price then moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up **S.B. 643** for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 6.

Yeas: Andujar, Blake, Brooks, Creighton, Farabee, Harris, Howard, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Longoria, Meier, Mengden, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Price, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Short, Traeger, Truan, Vale, Williams.

Nays: Braecklein, Clower, Doggett, Mauzy, McKnight, Snelson.

Absent-excused: Moore.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Vale offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate Bill No. 643 striking SECTION 2 in its entirety; renumbering SECTION 3 as SECTION 2; and adding Subsection (c) to quoted Article 9.021 to read as follows:

“(c) The comptroller shall determine when at least 10 percent of all retail sales by volume of gasoline taxed under this chapter and motor fuel exempted under this article are sales of motor fuel exempted under this article. The finding shall be published in the Texas Register as soon as possible after it has been made. In determining the volume of retail sales of gasoline taxed under this chapter, the comptroller shall consider only those sales for use in motor vehicles upon the public roadways. In determining the volume of retail sales of motor fuel exempted under this article, the comptroller shall consider only those sales of the exempted motor fuel that would be taxable under this chapter but for this article. Beginning on the first day of the first month after the month in which the finding is published, the exemption provided by Section (1) of this article

APPENDIX

Sent to Governor

(April 4, 1979)

S.B. 39
S.B. 67
S.B. 173
S.B. 227
S.B. 270
S.B. 416
S.B. 417
S.B. 462
S.B. 618
S.B. 661
S.B. 589

Signed by Governor

(April 4, 1979)

S.B. 132
H.B. 598
S.C.R. 23
H.C.R. 132
H.C.R. 133
H.C.R. 137

Effective immediately
Effective immediately

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY

(Continued)

(Thursday, April 5, 1979)

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 8:30 o'clock a.m. and was called to order by Senator Jones of Harris.

LOCAL AND UNCONTESTED BILLS CALENDAR

The Presiding Officer (Senator Jones of Harris in Chair) announced that the time had arrived for the consideration of the Local and Uncontested Bills Calendar in accordance with the provisions of **S.R. 16**. (Bills having been set as Special Order and Constitutional Three-Day Rule suspended by vote of 30-0 on April 4, 1979).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

House Chamber
April 5, 1979

HONORABLE W. P. HOBBY
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SIR: I AM DIRECTED BY THE HOUSE TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT
THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

HCR 147, Recognizing April 6, 1979, as Foreign Language Day in Texas.

HB 884, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the licensing and regulation
of the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.

HB 994, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to persons authorized to
conduct marriage ceremonies.

HB 1117, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to fines for felonies of the
first degree.

HB 1319, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a change of venue granted
on motion of defendant; and declaring an emergency.

HB 1418, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the transportation of
certain agricultural commodities in their natural state.

S.B. 978 Relating to the temporary transfer of surplus cash between funds
in the state treasury.

Respectfully,

BETTY MURRAY, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SENATOR ANNOUNCED PRESENT

Senator Moore who had previously been recorded as "Absent-excused" was
announced "Present".

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Senator Schwartz submitted the following report for the Committee on
Natural Resources:

H.B. 1272 (Ordered not printed)

MOTION IN WRITING

Senator Schwartz submitted the following Motion in Writing:

MR. PRESIDENT:

I ask unanimous consent to suspend the printing rule in order that House Bill 1272 which was reported favorably from the Natural Resources Committee may be substituted for Senate Bill 1181 on the Local and Uncontested Calendar as an identical house bill.

/s/A. R. Schwartz, 4/5/79

There was no objection.

The following bills were laid before the Senate, read second time, amended (where applicable), passed to engrossment, read third time and passed: (Sponsor and vote on final passage indicated after caption of each bill. When amended, vote on final passage follows the amendment.)

S.B. 527 (Snelson) Restoring civil and criminal jurisdiction to the County Court of Real County. (31-0)

S.B. 649 (Blake) Relating to the sale or exchange of certain land by The Texas A&M University System. (31-0)

S.B. 686 (Short) Relating to a student recreation fee at Texas Tech University.

Senator Short offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

S.B. No. 686, page 1, line 10, delete the word "center" and substitute the words "facilities and programs".

The committee amendment was read and was adopted.

Senator Short offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

S.B. No. 686, page 1, line 16, delete the word "charged" and substitute the word "changed".

The committee amendment was read and was adopted.

On motion of Senator Short and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended. (31-0)

S.B. 775 (Traeger) Relating to transfer of service credit between teacher and the State Employees Retirement System. (31-0)

S.B. 777 (Jones of Taylor) Relating to contributions to the State Employees Retirement System for certain employees.

Senator Jones of Taylor offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

Amend **S.B. 777** by striking "Education" on page 1, line 11, and substituting therefor "Employment".

The committee amendment was read and was adopted.

On motion of Senator Jones of Taylor and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended. (31-0)

S.B. 778 (Jones of Taylor) Relating to administration of Social Security contributions for public employees. (vv)

S.B. 885 (Andujar) Increasing the time for notifying the Department of Public Safety after the licensee moves or when the name of the licensee changes. (31-0)

S.B. 893 (Parker) Relating to terms of 253rd District Court. (31-0)

C.S.S.B. 994 (Moore) Relating to the powers, duties and financing of the Trinity River Authority of Texas. (31-0)

S.B. 1034 (Mauzy) Relating to enforcement of a lien for taxes against property involved in a forced liquidation.

Senator Mauzy offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

Amend **S.B. 1034** by adding the word "foreclosure" after the word "attachments" on line 9, Section 1.

The committee amendment was read and was adopted.

On motion of Senator Mauzy and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended. (31-0)

S.B. 1035 (Mauzy) Relating to a lien for delinquent property taxes on mobile homes. (31-0)

S.B. 1122 (Ogg) Relating to change of name on voter registration. (31-0)

S.B. 1139 (Doggett) Relating to removal of architectural barriers to the handicapped in certain buildings. (31-0)

H.B. 1272 (Schwartz) Relating to the name and election of supervisors of Friendswood Drainage District. (30-1) Jones of Harris "Nay"

S.C.R. 46 (Ogg) Requesting State Department of Highways and Public Transportation to emphasize construction of free beach accessways, free beach parking and signage systems. (vv)

S.C.R. 47 (Ogg) Requesting state agencies to assist local governments in development of free beach access and parking. (vv)

S.C.R. 51 (Schwartz) Recommending development of a model hurricane evacuation plan. (vv)

H.B. 796 (Creighton) Relating to the terms of the 18th District Court in Somervell and Johnson Counties.

Senator Creighton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H.B. No. 796 by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Subdivision 18(a), Article 199, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(a). The 18th Judicial District of Texas shall be composed of Somervell and Johnson Counties and the terms of the District Court shall be held ~~[therein]~~ each year ~~[as follows:]~~ in both

~~[In]~~ the County of Somervell and ~~[on the first Mondays in January and June.]~~

~~[In]~~ the County of Johnson on the first Mondays in January ~~[February]~~ and July.

Each term of court in each of such counties may continue until the date herein fixed for the beginning of the next succeeding term therein.

SECTION 2. Section 6, Chapter 506, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957 (Article 199(64), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. The ~~[From and after the effective date of this Act, the]~~ terms of the 64th Judicial District Court in each county of the district shall begin on ~~[shall be as follows:]~~

~~[In the County of Hale beginning]~~ the first Mondays in January and July of each year and be designated as the January and July Terms, respectively.

~~[In the County of Swisher beginning on the first Mondays in February and August of each year designated as the February and August Terms, respectively.]~~

~~[In the County of Castro beginning on the first Mondays in April and October of each year designated as the April and October Terms, respectively.]~~

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

The amendment was read and was adopted.

Senator Creighton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H.B. No. 796 by striking all above the enacting clause and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the terms of the 18th and 64th District Courts.

The amendment was read and was adopted. (31-0)

BILLS REMOVED FROM LOCAL AND UNCONTESTED BILLS CALENDAR

The following bills were removed from the Local and Uncontested Bills Calendar:

Bill No.	Senators Objecting
S.B. 89	Jones of Harris, Farabee
S.B. 833	Jones of Harris, Parker